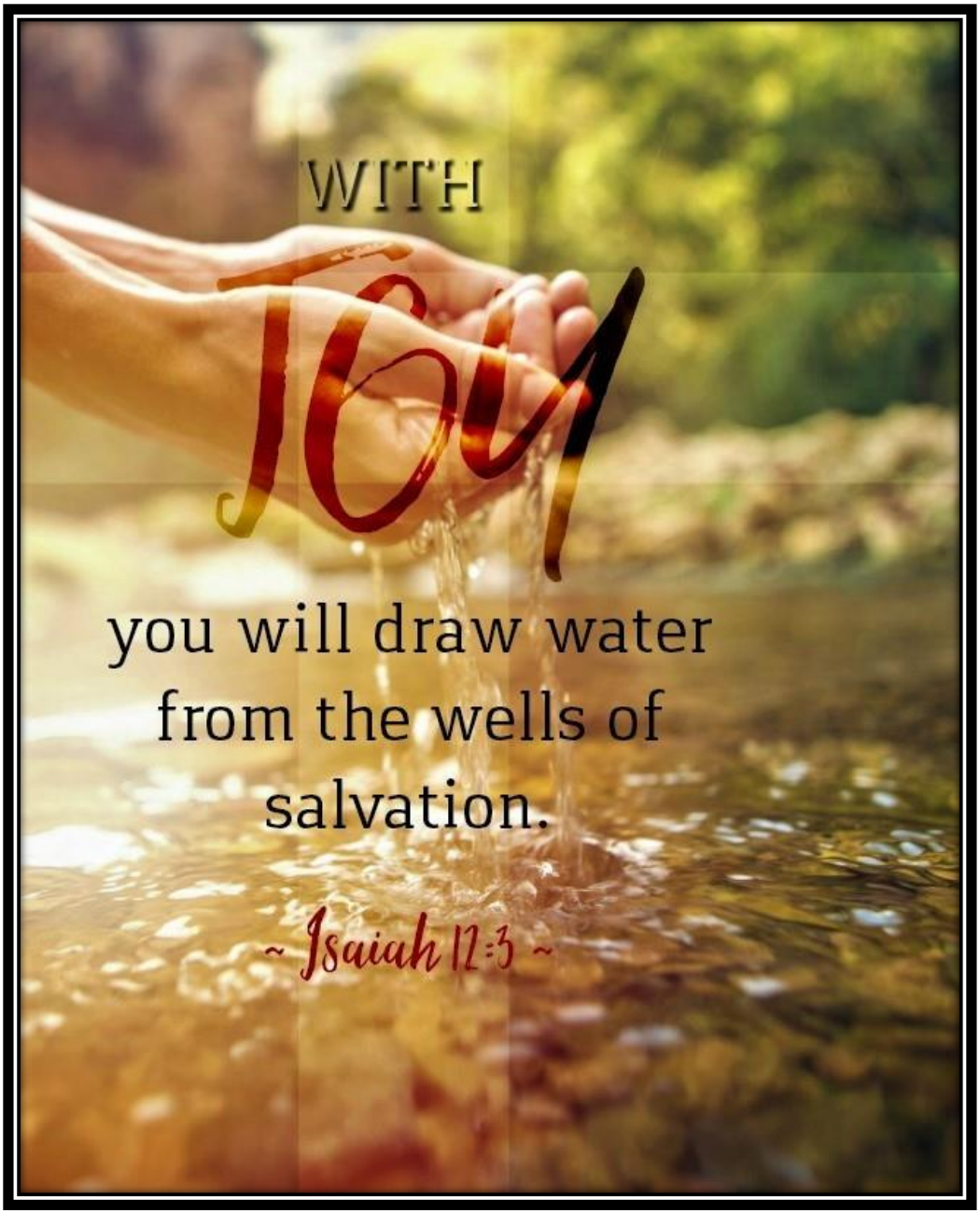


The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022
8:00 a.m.

As We Gather

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

Preservice Music

Redeemed

Flute Trio: Cara Clemens, Gretchen Devany, Gretchen Heimann

The Old Rugged Cross

Clarinet Duet: Sheri Devany, Diane Heizer

Allegro from Divertimento #9, K 240

Woodwind Ensemble

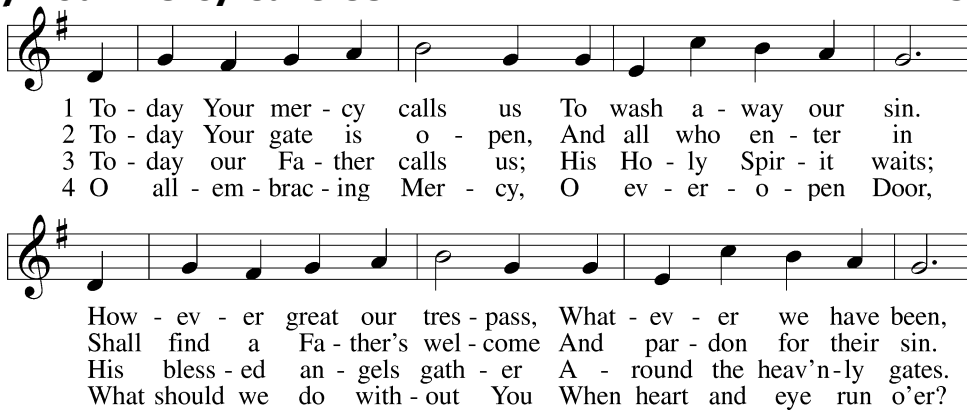
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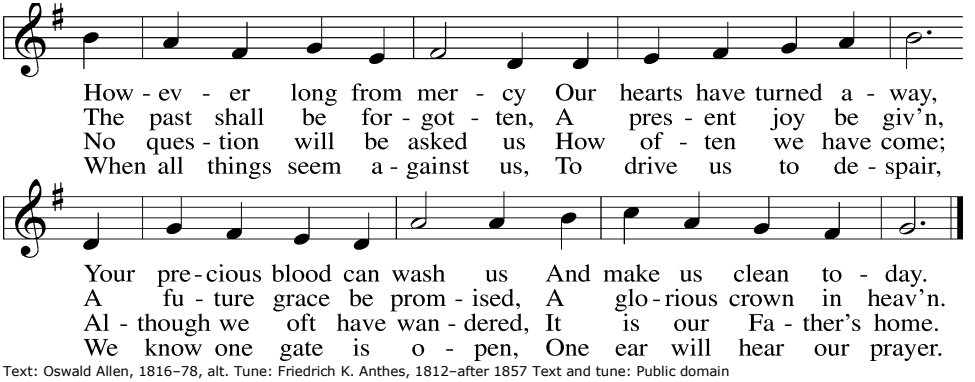
Welcome and Greeting

Please stand

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915





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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 10b–11*

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P That we may receive the blessing of Christ's forgiveness, let us draw near to God, confessing the brokenness of our sin and receiving the fullness of our Father's mercy.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Together, we pray:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P In Holy Baptism, almighty God, our merciful Father has declared you to be His children and has gathered you into His family, the Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and the sins of all believers. This new life is yours today! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

P Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament *Isaiah 12*

[1]You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.
[2]"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

[3]With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [4]And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
[5]"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
[6]Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (Song of Isaiah)



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Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh.
Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard
him thus no longer. 17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18All
this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave
us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling
the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and
entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are
ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We
implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake
he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

In Christ Alone *Clarinet Duet*

Sheri Devany and Diane Heizer

Please stand

Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

1Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear
[Jesus]. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This
man receives sinners and eats with them."
3So he told them this parable: . . .
"There was a man who had two sons. 12And the younger of them
said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming
to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13Not many days
later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a
far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.
14And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that
country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself
out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields
to feed pigs. 16And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the
pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.
17"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's
hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with
hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19I am no
longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired

servants."' [20]And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. [21]And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22]But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. [23]And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. [24]For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

[25]"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26]And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. [27]And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' [28]But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, [29]but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. [30]But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' [31]And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [32]It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Final Reading Response

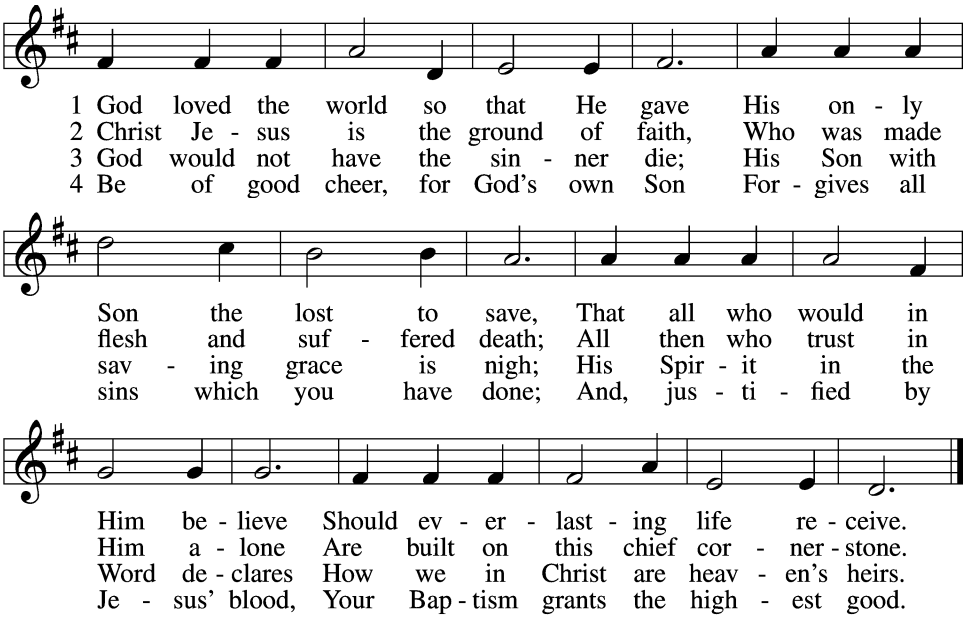
Hebrews 1:1–2a

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Please be seated

God Loved the World So That He Gave LSB 571



5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

Concerto for Lute and Strings Woodwind Ensemble

Installation of Director of Christian Education
Jaime Brinkmann

Please stand

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(after each petition of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

(the prayers conclude)

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

P Let us bless the Lord.

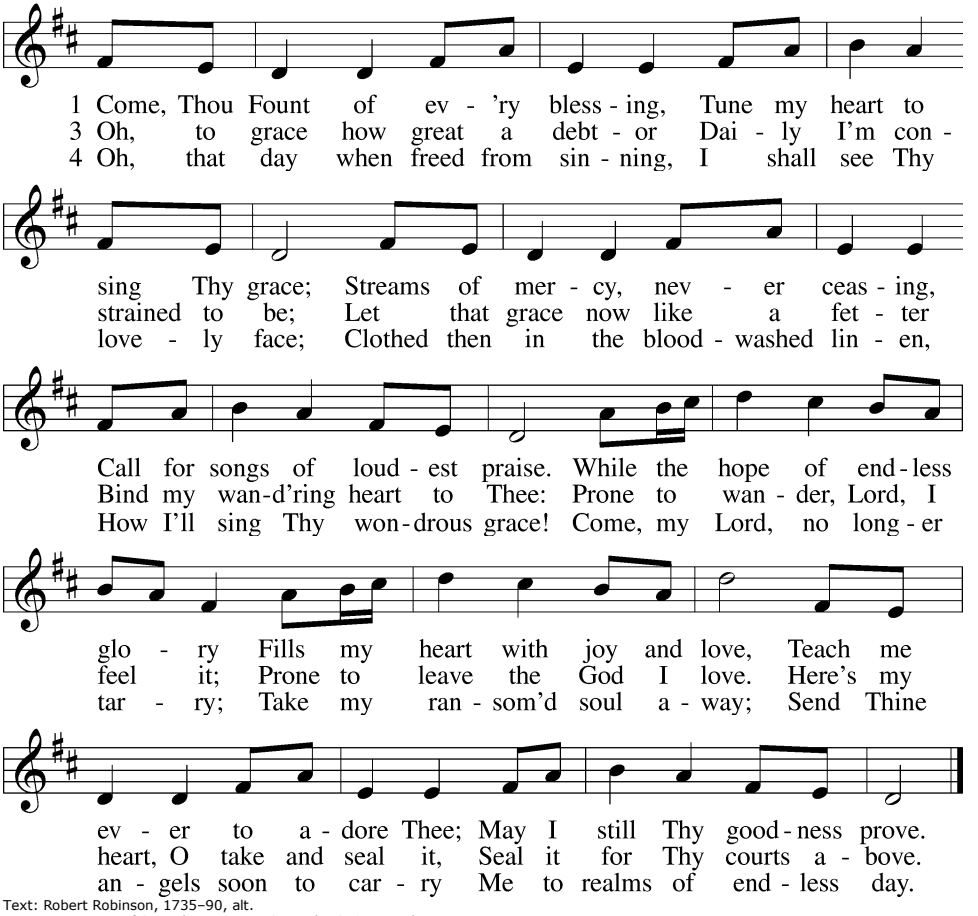
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

℗ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

℃ **Amen.**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *LSB 686*



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Postlude

La moresque
from Three Susato Dances
Woodwind Ensemble

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Chris A. Spelbring Seminarian Wesley Johnson
Elder on Duty:	Kyle Lewis
Organist:	Dawn E. Tayon, Minister of Music
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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.